Death toll in Hyderabad blast increases to nine

By Mohammad Hussain Khan

HYDERABAD: The Death toll in the Latifabad fireworks factory explosion has increased to nine as one more body was found underneath the rubble, while two burn victims died during treatment, officials said on Sunday.

On Saturday, a powerful explosion ripped through an illegal fireworks factory inside riverine area of Latifabad, killing six people.

The officials said that one more body was found by rescue teams late on Saturday night.

Two patients — Shiraz, 45 and Naeem, 35 — suffered 100 per cent burn wounds and were shifted to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where they died, they added.

As many as six of the nine deceased persons have been identified and efforts were underway to confirm the identities of the three remaining victims.

Among the dead are Abdul Rasheed, son of Abdul Aziz Yousufzai; Mohammad Waris, son of Mohammad Aslam Qureshi; Fazeel Khan, son of Farooq Khan; Noor Nabi, son of Saeed Ahmed Shaikh; Shiraz and Naeem.

The injured included Waqas, son of Arshad Ali Siddiqui; Kashif, son of Arshad Siddiqui; Anas, son of Aslam Yousufzai; Shiraz, son of Sanaullah Khan; Mohammad Naeem, son of Yousuf Shaikh; Mushtaq, son of Sadiq Jatt and Musarrat, wife of Irshad Ali Leghari.

Hyderabad Deputy Commissioner Zain Ul Abedin Memon has approached the vice chancellor of the Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) Jamshoro and the medical superintendent of the Liaquat University Hospital (LUH), asking them to conduct DNA tests to facilitate the process of identifying and handing over bodies to legal heirs.

Terrorism case registered

Following the blast, the Latifabad B-section police have lodged a case.

The FIR, lodged on the complaint of SHO B-section Niaz Panhwar, invoked Sections 322 (punishment for qatl-bis-sabab), 285 (negligent conduct with respect to fire or combustible matter), 286 (negligent conduct with respect explosive substance), 336 (punishment for mutilation or dismemberment of a limb), 336-B (punishment for hurt by corrosive substance), 337-H (punishment for hurt by a rash or negligent act) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Pakistan Penal Code, read with the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997.

Asad Yousafzai, the owner of the factory, and his alleged accomplices, Rashid Khan, Dilshad Khan, Arshad and Shakeel Punjabi, have been nominated as suspects in the FIR.

Hyderabad SSP Adeel Chandio said that raids were being conducted for the arrest of the suspects and some of them have been apprehended.

A LARGE number of Sindhiyani Tehreek activists march on Hyderabad's Jail Road in protest over recent constitutional tweaks.—Dawn

AT stages rally against 27th Amendment, 'exploitation' of Sindh resources

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: A large number of activists from the Awami Tehreek (AT) and its women's wing, Sindhiyani Tehreek (ST), on Sunday organised a march against the 27th Amendment, corporate farming, new canals on the Indus River, so-called honour killings and the exploitation of the province's resources.

The march started from Jail Road and concluded at the local press club, where it was addressed by party leaders. It was led by AT president Vasand Thari, Noor Ahmed Katiar, Lal Jarwar, Dr. Rasool Bux Khaskheli, Abdul Qadir Ranto, and others. Noted writer Jami Chandio, Ghaffar Narejo, general secretary of Mirpurkhas Bar Association Israr Chang, and general secretary of High Court Bar Association, Hyderabad, among others, also joined the march.

Vasand Thari said that the 27th Amendment was "worse than the post-hybrid system and an attack on democracy."

He added that the rulers had distorted the Constitution, suspended fundamental rights, and subjugated the judiciary through the 27th Amendment, enabling them to plunder Sindh's mineral and other resources unchecked.

Mr Thari further said that the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) was created to sell resources, lands, and minerals.

He condemned corporate farming as a conspiracy to occupy the lands of the oppressed, saying that millions of acres were being handed over to companies.

He vowed to resist any attempts to divide Sindh and said that projects like the Kalabagh Dam, Bhasha Dam, and six canals were part of a conspiracy to forcibly seize Sindh's water.

Sindhiyani Tehreek President Umra Samoon criticised the SIFC and said it was formed with the support of the PPP.

"The judiciary, paralysed after the 26th Amendment, was transformed into a government court through the 27th Amendment," she said.

The rally adopted resolutions stating that the Constitution had been distorted, fundamental rights suspended, and courts crippled, resulting in a constitutional dictatorship.

The resolutions condemned the lifetime immunity granted to the president and Field Marshal under the 27th Amendment, and stated that it "places them above the state, Islamic law and the 250 million citizens, effectively enforcing a monarchy".

They demanded that the Constitution's foundation be based on the Pakistan Resolution of 1940.

The resolutions also condemned the attack on a lawyers' convention in Sukkur at the "behest of the Sindh government." It termed the attack an act of terrorism due to the lawyers' opposition to the 26th and 27th Amendments.

The resolutions further emphasised that the Indus River is Sindh's civilisational identity and lifeline.

They demanded that all dam and canal projects on the Indus, including Kalabagh and Bhasha dams and six canals, be stopped.

They called for the revocation of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act and the amendments to the Anti-Terrorism Act, withdrawal of the Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill 2025, and for powers to remain with the provinces.

Stories of resilience, ambition shine at Sindh Literature Festival

• The final day of 8th SLF features experts from IT, agriculture, wildlife and education sectors • Speakers share journeys of struggle and success; urge youth to seek skills, break financial 'traps' for better future

By Imtiaz Ali

KARACHI: Inspiring and motivational stories were shared on the second and final day of the 8th Sindh Literature Festival (SLF) at the Beach Luxury Hotel on Sunday.

Mehboob Ali Shar, the chief executive officer (CEO) of "iCreativez", a software development firm in Karachi, shared his story and said he belonged to a village in rural Sindh and was the son of a farmer. He said he had worked as an office boy at a private school, but today, he provides IT services in 19 countries through five offices of his software company, including one in Karachi that employs over 250 staff.

"I am not a graduate of Silicon Valley," said Mr Shar, adding that he had once defaulted on his university fees and was denied a degree. Ten years later, however, the vice chancellor of the same varsity awarded him his degree and declared him the pride of the institution.

He said that an IT firm in the Defence Housing Authority, whose CEO had once refused to hire him, later invited him to sit as a judge alongside the same CEO at a ceremony for software engineers.

Mr Shar said he began his journey with a borrowed laptop but was later hired by a British firm at Rs1.3 million per month.

He added that three years ago he had established his own software company in Karachi, and now firms from around the world are his clients, with one company alone paying Rs4.4m per month for services.

He said his career was marked by a shift from "rejection to recognition". He added that he was associated with the IT departments of three reputable universities, while a faculty member at IBA had conducted research on "the son of a farmer".

Abdul Hameed Abro said he planned to launch projects in rice, tomatoes and oil seeds "to turn Sindh into an agro-based economy over the next 10 years", creating reasonable income opportunities for rural communities.

He said he began this initiative during Covid-19. With limited job opportunities in the government sector, he aimed to generate employment through small businesses and entrepreneurship.

He said that four years ago, he had set up a 300-acre tomato farm in Badin district, as vegetables and fruits offered significant income potential in Sindh.

Mr Abro said Pakistan "spent" billions of rupees on the import of edible oils, which is why he was now focusing on oil seeds. He added that he had launched a "cooperative farming society" spread over 5,000 acres in Badin with support from Karachi-based companies, focusing on rice, oil seeds and tomatoes.

He said a rice mill had already been established there and that they intended to export rice to the Philippines and Malaysia.

Mr Abro vowed to promote an "agro-based economy" in Sindh within the next decade, which he said would help create an "army" of employees.

Javed Mahar, chief conservator of the Sindh Wildlife Department, said that "fresh" river flow was essential for an "intact hydrological cycle".

He said wildlife included reptiles, birds and trees, but, unfortunately, the term had here been limited to deer and partridges.

He added that there was also a "misconception" that trees were the primary source of oxygen. In fact, he said, the sea produced 65 per cent of the world's oxygen, but it needed to be protected. Untreated waste was being dumped into the sea in Karachi, meaning that the biggest source of oxygen was being destroyed.

Waheeda Mahesar, a director at Szabist's Institute of Technical Education, said young people needed to change their attitude because the government was "not an employment agency".

She said the youth needed to focus on skills, adding that Pakistanis who attempted to reach Europe illegally by sea were not wanted there, but skilled workers were.

Shahrukh Nadeem said the middle class's biggest problem was its reluctance to step out of its "comfort zone". He said the middle class exhausted its energies in the pursuit of a job and a house.

He described this as a "financial trap" and advised the middle class to break out of it.

Earlier, during a discussion titled "Sindh as Seen by the Dynamic New Generation", moderated by former television anchor Junaid Ansari, lawyer Shazia Nizamani said more women were joining the legal field in Sindh not only for employment but also to claim the rights granted to them in the Constitution.

Doctor and activist Sorath Sindhu urged young people to utilise social media platforms instead of taking to the streets, as was done in the past, to seek redress for their grievances.

Political worker Kabir Bheel said the youth needed to understand that problems such as poverty, unemployment and tyranny were political issues and that their solutions also lay in politics.

He regretted that the senior political leadership's attitude towards the youth was "rigid" and needed to become more flexible.

Another political worker, Syed Khalil Ahmed, who recently launched his own party in Karachi, urged young people to free themselves from the "imprisonment of feudalism and tribalism".

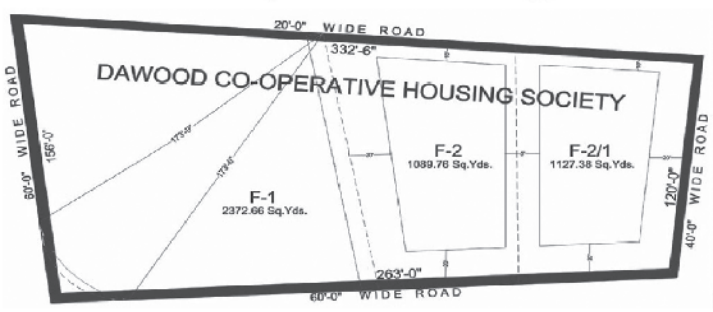
Hanifa Ameer said she was inspired by the poetry of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, particularly the Sassui-Punhoon folk tale, and had performed in a drama based on it.

PUBLIC / LEGAL NOTICE

On behalf of my client Muhammad Farooq Kasmani,
We hereby intimate through this General Public Notice,
That my client has Registered FIR No.310/2025 & FIR No.862/2025

Against Muhammad Ikhlaq Memon

We have come to know that **Muhammad Ikhlaque Memon** is entered sale agreement with so many buyers & received very huge amount in respect of **Residential House No. F-1, F-2 & F-2/1 Area = 4589 Sq-Yds Dawood Colony, Karachi**



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FIR # ASO-70/2017-HQ
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The State.....Versus.....Syed Ehtasham & Others

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONs UNDER SECTION 87 Cr. PC.

Whereas, complaint had made before me that the following accused persons, has committed an offence of smuggling and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest issued thereupon that the said accused persons cannot be found and whereas it had been shown to my satisfaction that the above mentioned accused person absconded to avoid the service of the said warrants.

Sr. No.	Name of absconding accused	CNIC No.	Address
1	Syed Ehtesham Zaidi S/o. Syed Shamim Ahmed Zaidi	42101-1668111-5	House No. B-702, Mohallah Madina Blessing, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Block-A/10, Karachi.
2	Daniyal Rehman S/o. Muhammad Shakeel	N/A	House No. R-271, Surjani Town, Sector 6A, Karachi

2. Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused is required to appear on **27-11-2025** at **09:00 am** before this Hon'able Court to answer the said complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 15-10-2025.

Special Judge
Special Court (Customs & Taxation-I)
Karachi

PID K-1739/25

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No. 1617/PRO/943/2025 Dated 14-November-2025

TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed Tenders are invited from the manufacturers, distributors and sole agents for supply of following stores to Pakistan Rangers (Sindh). Tenders will be opened on **02 December 2025** at **1430 hours** in presence of concerned / authorized firms representatives:

Ser	Nomenclature	Tender Fee (Rs.)
a.	Dry Batteries 100 AHC	500/-

2. Manufacturers, Distributors & Sole agents desirous to participate in tender should be registered with Sales Tax and Income Tax Departments.
3. Tender form can be obtained from Signal Branch Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) with effect from **18 November 2025** to **01 December 2025** from 10:00 AM to 14:00 PM daily (except Saturday and Sunday / Public Holidays) after payment of tender fee (non-refundable) as mentioned against each in shape of pay order / bank draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Pakistan Rangers (Sindh). Tenders can be dropped in tender box on **01 December 2025** upto **1400 hours.**
4. Director General Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) has the right to accept or reject any or all tenders as per Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004.
5. **For further details please contact telephone # 99205285-7 (Extension # 3087).**

Lieutenant Colonel
for Director General
Pakistan Rangers (Sindh)

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Deeply mourned by:
Shaheena and Orooj Ahmed Ali
Zehra and Tanveer Muzafar
Sarah and Shamyl Khuhro
Omar Hussain
Nabia, Myra, Sophie, Jehanzeb and Dara.